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E.O. 12065: GDS 12/25/89 (CRAIGO, C.S.) OR-A
 TAGS: ASEC: PTER, LE, IT, US
 SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST AMERICAN AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS IN BEIRUT

REF: BEIRUT 9218

1. (C-ENTIRE TEXT)

2. THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS TELEPHONED TO THE FRANCE
 NEWS AGENCY AFP OFFICE IN BEIRUT AT 1215 LOCAL ON
 DECEMBER 25. ACCORDING TO AFP, THE CALLER WAS SPEAKING IN
 ARABIC AND HAD NO DISTINGUISHABLE ACCENT. THE FOLLOWING IS
 AFP'S TRANSLATION OF THE MESSAGE.:
 BEGIN QUOTE THE SADR BRIGADES WARN THE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN
 ADMINISTRATIONS FOR THE LAST TIME AGAINST ANY
 EXPLOITATION OF THE NAME OF MOUSA SADR, WHO IS HELD BY THE RULER
 OF LIBYA, IN THE CASE OF GENERAL DOZIER WHO WAS KIDNAPPED
 BY THE SO-CALLED RED BRIGADES.

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OUR INFORMATION SERVICE HAS OBTAINED THE RECORDING OF THE, SO-CALLED CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE RED BRIGADES AND ANSA. THE SO-CALLED RED BRIGADES SPOKESMAN IN THE CONVERSATION DID HINT IN AN INDIRECT WAY THAT THEIR EXISTED A COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE RED BRIGADES AND US. IT WAS VERIFIED AFTER INQUIREY THAT IT WAS THE ITALIAN EMBASSY WHO WAS THE SOURCE OF THE TELEPHONE CALL TO ANSA IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE SEARCH FOR GENERAL DOZIER BECAUSE OF A MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE U.S. AND ITALY. IT IS VERIFIED THAT THE KIDNAPPING OF GENERAL DOZIER IS THE CONSEQUENCE OF AMERICAN INTERFERENCE IN ITALY'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS. WE THEREFORE ADVISE THE AMERICAN AND ITALIAN AMBASSADORS TO LEAVE BEIRUT IMMEDIATE INORDER TO AVOID THE SAME FATE AS DELAMARE. END QUOTE. (FYI: FRENCH AMBASSADOR LOUIS DELAMARE WAS ASSASSINATED IN SEPTEMBER IN BEIRUT. END FYI).

3. THE SADR BRIGADES IS A SHIA ORGANIZATION ACTIVE IN LEBANON. THERE HAVE BEEN REPORTS THAT THE SADR BRIGADES WAS INVOLVED IN THE RECENT HIJACKING OF A LIBYAN ARAB AIRLINES AIRCRAFT.

4. THE CALLER TO AFP WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO THE STATEMENT GIVEN TO ANSA ON DECEMBER 22 BY A SELF STYLED RED BRIGADES SPOKESMAN IN WHICH HE DENIED ANY LINKS BETWEEN THE RED BRIGADES AND THE "GROUP OF IMAN MOUSA SADR" (REFTEL).

5. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT THE ITALIAN EMBASSY ALSO RECEIVED THE ABOVE INFORMATION. WE ARE ASOS CONTACTING THE APPROPRIATE GOL AUTHORITIES.

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END OF MESSAGE

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